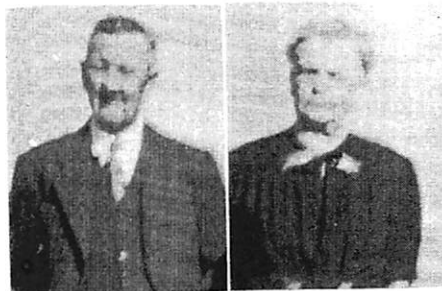


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JOSEPH WILLIAM CUMMINGS
AND MARY ANN BUYS
CUMMINGS

Joseph William Cummings, born June 6, 1874, in Heber, son of John J. and Sophia Johnson Cummings, married Mary Ann Buys (born January 17, 1875, in Buysville, Wasatch County, Utah, daughter of Edward and Celestia Bromley Buys, who died April 30, 1953) December 1, 1897, in the Salt Lake Temple. Died September 26, 1957.

The couple reared two grandchildren, Joan and Brigham.

Joseph William Cummings, son of John J. and Sophia Johnson Cummings, was born in Heber City, Utah, June 6, 1874. As a boy, Joseph was in the cattle business with his father and loved to ride the range and round up the cattle in the fall. He was known as Joe to all who knew him.

Mary Ann Buys Cummings, daughter of Edward and Celestia Bromley Buys, was born January 17, 1875, in Buysville. This is now known as Daniels, Utah.

On December 1, 1897, Joseph William Cummings married Mary Ann Buys in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary Ann had been his sweetheart many years and they had lived side by side and had grown up together. To this couple nine children were born. Eight of these children are still living. They are Joseph Buys, Wallace, Edward, Nola, Celestia, Sophia, Monroe, John Douglas and Phyllis. They also reared two grandchildren, Joan and Brigham.

In 1903, Joe went into the butchering business. His was one of the early shops in Wasatch County. Later he sold it to Mr. Andrew Voyt. Then he went into the sheep business and was one of the leading sheepmen of Heber Valley.

Joe was a devoted husband and father.

He loved children and outdoor sports, such as fishing and hunting, and his friends knew him as a kind and generous man, husband, and father.

He always took his wife and family with him in the summer time to the sheep herd. There they all enjoyed themselves very much and looked forward to this event every year.

Joe was always with his boys and loved to take them fishing and hunting whenever he went. He was unable to do this the last five years of his life.

Mary Ann was a devoted wife and mother. She was loved by everyone who knew her, because she was kind and generous, always helping others when they were in need. She loved to have people come to her home.

This wonderful lady loved to work in the Church and was very active in Relief Society. She was an excellent cook and housekeeper and was devoted to her children, whom she loved very much.

Mary Ann died April 30, 1953. After her death, Joe was very lonely, because they had always been together.

Joe died September 26, 1957. They are both buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

THOMAS HARMON
CUMMINGS AND
SUSAN L. ALEXANDER

Thomas H. Cummings, the eighth child of Isaac and Sarah Jones Cummings, was born in Heber, May 19, 1875. He married Susan L. Alexander. She was born February 24, 1880, at Vernal, Utah, and was the fourth child of Henry Miles and Sarah Jane Ross Alexander. To this union was born one son, Thomas Rex Cummings. They made their home where Ralph and Luella Johnson now reside.

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in Provo, by Jonathan Duke, at Robert's home. They made their home in Provo a short time and then returned to Heber, where they built a home—humble, with a dirt floor and dirt roof. It was located at First West and Third North. The house, remodeled, still stands today and is owned by Jay Jacobson.

As their family increased so did their material means. After 10 children were born to them, they moved to a home on Main Street, Second South, where the library now stands. Here two more children were born. Their children were: Isaac Jr., Elisha, Mel, Margaret, John, Elizabeth, William, and Luanas, Joseph, Hyrum, Francis and Lu-

In 1867, with four small children, they moved to Salt Lake and were sealed in theowment House.

Joseph Cummings, like many of her day, was used to shear sheep, wash and card wool, and into cloth and make the cloth into dresses. She did sewing for others besides her own family, and helped make burial dresses and did much tailoring, mainly men's. In the early years of her marriage she spent many hours gleaning in the wheat fields.

As times became better she was encouraged by her husband to take provisions to the unfortunate families. They were especially helpful to families whose fathers were on military duty.

Throughout her life she was an active member in the Church. In 1892 she was the first counselor to Anna R. Duke in the Stake YWMA. On June 12, 1895, she was chosen president of Heber West Relief Society, and on September 23, 1895, she took the place of Mary Daybell as second counselor to Emma Brown in the Relief Society.

In the later years of her life were marked by a prolonged illness. Before her death, on November 7, 1897, she had been confined to bed 18 months. She was 55 years old. Joseph Cummings was bowed down in grief.

He had been a good husband and now was left with six unmarried children, the youngest just eight years old.

For eight years he managed to care for his children, with the help of married daughters and "hired girls." He died April 7, 1906, at the age of 68.

Thomas worked as a surveyor and also worked with his father and brothers in the cattle industry. Besides the responsibility of their own home and baby, they helped Susan's father care for her motherless brothers and sisters. This had been her task for several years before her marriage.

The happy father and mother, with love and harmony abiding in their household, enjoyed each other and the comfort of their little son for six months. Since a young man, Thomas Cummings had suffered ill health. This condition steadily grew worse, and after three years of happiness this little home was marred by the death of the father, July 1, 1901.

Heartbroken and realizing the responsibility of rearing a son, Susan took her sister Lelia into her home to help care for the baby. She found work at the Startup Candy Co. in Provo, Utah.

(2) Two years later she married Joseph S. Cummings on October 30, 1903. Joseph was born June 19, 1877, in Heber, and he was the brother of her former husband and son of Isaac and Sarah J. Cummings.

They continued to make their home at the same place she started her first happy married life. Here three daughters were born, Luella, Nellie and Jennie. Although the father was very proud of his daughters, he never forgot there was a small boy in the family circle, whom he always treated as his own child. Joseph and his wife then



purchased the old Cummings home on Main Street. This house was built by Susan's father, Henry M. Alexander. Here they lived and enjoyed life with their family of four for several years.

Joseph, with his brothers, was very successful raising cattle and was prominent in civic affairs. After ten years of happiness,

he took pneumonia and died March 19, 1912.

Again Susan was left alone to make a livelihood for her children. Although at this point she had had much sorrow in her short life, she never gave up, but with love and courage and determination, cheerfulness and ambition, she started out to rear her family.

She accomplished this responsibility by dressmaking at night, clerking in a store, and keeping boarders. Later she built and operated a small grocery store. The struggle to provide food and clothing was a tremendous task, but she always made a happy home for her children—a home where callers loved to come to enjoy cake or pie, a laugh or a cry, always a friendly atmosphere at Susie's home. A few years later she married Joseph Ollivier and to them were born two children, Joffree and Foch. Again she continued working to provide for her children, determined to rear them. But her desire and ambition exceeded her bodily strength and as a result of overwork and a rundown physical condition, she contracted pneumonia and passed away October 28, 1919.

WILLIAM M. CUMMINGS



William M. Cummings was born April 19, 1872, at Heber City, Utah. He was the son of Isaac and Sarah Jones Cummings, pioneers of Heber Valley. He married Margaret Turner September 1, 1896. She was the daughter of John and Agnes Montgomery Turner, also pioneers of Heber. She was born December 16, 1875.

After his marriage, William spent six years in Park City, working in the mines. He returned to Heber and was appointed Heber City marshal, a position he held a number of years. He also was watchman

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